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The Honorable George H. Mahon
 U. S. House of Representatives
 Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I enclose the various papers which you requested this morning, and should be glad to supplement them as you may desire.

I have added to the list information with regard to 24 appearances made by CIA before congressional committees during the last year of the Congress. I appeared personally at most of these sessions and in all important cases the appearances were off the record. I may add that the security observed during these executive sessions was of the highest order.

In certain of these appearances I made it clear that the reference by the President and other high officials to the general effect that they were not informed beforehand regarding the Suez developments, was intended to apply to the fact that they had not been informed by the British and the French, as was brought out in the President's statement in his radio message. However, this fact has not effectively gotten over to the press or the public. The facts were that through intelligence channels we were able to alert the government of the high probability both of the Israeli attack and of the subsequent British-French intervention.

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Faithfully yours,

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1 - ER via Reading

1 - Legis. Counsel w/all enclosures

(signed)

Added by Leg. C. DD/S

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosure

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